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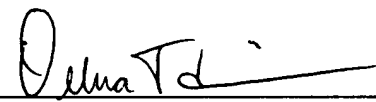
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RESPONSE

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2002, in the subject application. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendment "A"

In the title:

Please amend the title of the invention to read as "Inject-Through Specimen Container."

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 14, 20 and 23 as set forth below; a clean copy of these claims as amended is in the appendix hereto.

1. (once amended) A[n improved] specimen container, adapted to enable a user to inject or withdraw materials into or out of said container using a material transfer device with minimal risk of spills or leaks, comprising,